

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 590 – SB 880

February 21, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the appropriate court to impose a fine of \$1,000 against any person convicted of certain crimes related to voter registration and the election process.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Fines assessed will be collected by the court clerk, remitted to the State Treasurer, and deposited into the Reward Pool Fund, within the state General Fund, created pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §40-8-105.
- Violations of Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-19-117 and § 2-19-118 are Class E felonies, and pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-35-111, juries may assess a fine not to exceed \$3,000.
- Based on the Fiscal Review Committee's 2008 study and the Administrative Office of the Courts' 2012 study on collection of court costs, fees, and fines, collection in criminal cases is insignificant. There will not be a significant increase in revenue as a result of the mandatory fine for these offenses.
- Any increased fine revenue to the Reward Pool Fund is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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